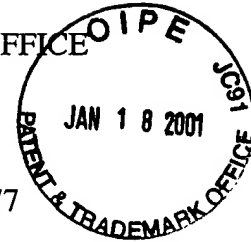


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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended one (1) month from January 2, 2001 to February 2, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a 1month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 344267. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing 01322.0010.NPUS00. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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